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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROPOSES \$20,000 IN PENALTIES TO PETER G GIAMPAOLI, BELLA VISTA 6 LP AND EPICK HOMES FOR STORMWATER VIOLATIONS IN SHASTA COUNTY

REDDING – Bella Vista 6 LP and Epick Homes, LP face a \$20,000 fine for storm water violations in Shasta County.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability complaint to Peter G Giampaoli, Bella Vista 6 LP and Epick Homes, LP for violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activities.

During inspections conducted in January and February 2008, Regional Water Board staff observed a failure to provide an effective combination of erosion and sediment controls, and failure to install, implement, and maintain storm water construction Best Management Practices (BMPs), resulting in significant discharges of sediment from the Lassen Vista subdivision to surface waters.

Bella Vista 6 LP is the owner, and Epick Homes, LP is the developer of Lassen Vista subdivision, a 10.2-acre subdivision construction project in Redding, Shasta County. The site is being developed into a 22 lot subdivision. Runoff from the site discharges to an unnamed tributary to the West Fork Stillwater Creek and the Sacramento River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The board may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on October 23 and 24, 2008.